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"Winter 1904" (1965NT); "Spring 1903" (1965Q) 1966

1965A

RUSSIANS BREAK GERMAN
DEFENSES IN RUHR

ENGLAND: F Bre-Mid; F North At-
lantic & F Iri S F Bre-Mid;
A St.P holds; F Bot S A St.P;
F Bal S F Den S GERMAN A Kie;
A Bel S GERMAN A Ruh; F Norwe-
gian Sea-North Sea

FRANCE: F Por S ENGLISH F Bre-Mid.

GERMANY: A Kie S A Ruh; A Ruh S
ENGLISH A Bel.

RUSSIA: A Pic-Bel; A Bur-Ruh;
A Mun S A Bur-Ruh; A Ber-Kie;
A Sil-Ber; F Pru S A Sil-Ber;
A War S A Liv; A Liv S A Mos-
St.P; A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY: A Gas-Bre; A Par S A Gas-
Bre; A Mar-Bur; A Pie-Mar;
A Tyr-Pie; F Spa-Mid; F Wes &
F North Africa S F Spa-Mid;
F Tyr-Lyo; F Ion-Tun; F Con-
Aes; F Smy holds; A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The German army in the Ruhr must
retreat to Holland.

The deadline for This is
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1965L

GERMANS TAKE VENICE,
WIPE OUT LAST AUSTRIAN FORCE

ENGLAND: A Yor-Liv; F Lon-Wal.

FRANCE: A Pic & A Mar S A Bur;
A Bur S A Pic; A North Africa-
Tun; F Mid-Wes.

GERMANY: F Edi-Yor; F North Sea
S F Edi-Yor; F Bel-Eng; A Hol-
Bel; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-
Bur; A Tyr-Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-
Ven.

ITALY: A Pie-Ven; F Tyr-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Boh-Vie;
A Ven-Rom.

RUSSIA: F North Atlantic-Liv;
F Cly S F North Atlantic-Liv;
F Norway-Norwegian Sea; A Sev-
Ank; F Bla C A Sev-Ank; F Arm
S A Sev-Ank; A Ser-Alb; A Bud-
Ser; A Rum S A Bud-Ser; A Vie
S GERMAN A Tri.

TURKEY: A Bul & A Ank hold; F Gre
S A Bul; F Con S A Ank; F Nap-
Rom.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The English army in Yorkshire must
retreat to London. The Austro-
Hungarian army in Venice is dis-
lodged, but must be removed rather
than retreated, since Austria-Hun-
gary has lost all its supply cen-
ters.

The High Combatant Powers now
control the following supply
centers:

ENGLAND: Lon. (1)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol,
Kie, Mun, Tri, Ven. (9)

ITALY: Rom, Tun. (2)

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1965Q

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FRENCH ARMY CUT OFF AND CUT UP IN GERMANY

ENGLAND: F Norwegian Sea-Bar; F Ska-Norway, A Lon holds.

FRANCE: A Por-Spa; F Mar-Lyo; A Pic-Par; A Ruh-Bur; F Eng-Pic.

GERMANY: A Bur-Par; A Bel-Pic; F North Sea-Eng; F Den-Kie; A Hol-Ruh;
A Mun S A Hol-Ruh.

ITALY: A Tyr-Ven; A Pie-Mar; F Tyr-Lyo; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Tri-Vie; A Ser-Bul;
F Gre S A Ser-Bul.

RUSSIA: A War-Pru; A Boh-Sil; A Gal-Bur; A Rum-Ser; F Sev-Rum;
F Norway S F Swe; F Swe S F Norway.

TURKEY: F Aeg-Gre; A Bul S F Aeg-Gre; A Con S A Bul; F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French army in the Ruhr is annihilated. The Russian army in Galicia is dislodged and must retreat to Bohemia, Warsaw, or the Ukraine. The Russian retreat is to be mailed in by SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1966. The direction of this retreat will be sent out by postcard to the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1966.

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ROSTER ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

1965H: E - Jack Harness (out W04)

G - Paul Puckett (res F02)

John McCallum

R - Earl Thompson (out F?4)

1965I: F - Earl Thompson (out W07)

1965L: A - Bernie Kling (dro W04)

Anders Swenson (out W05)

1965R: A - Alan Huff (out W04)

1966E: Don Miller, Diplomania

E - Ron Parks (TWJ-1966-B)

F - Gregory Molenaar

G - John Mazon

I - Terry Kuch

A - George Parks

R - James Latimer

T - Sidney Get

The Washington Science Fiction Association has separated its Diplomacy games from its journal, and Gamesmaster Don Miller is now publishing 1965V and 1966E in a separate bulletin, Diplomania. It is available at \$1 per year from Miller at 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Maryland 20906. Miller is also accepting entries for a third game.

Derek Nelson has moved to British Columbia - that's California with maple leaves. His new address is 502 5th Ave., New Westminster, B. C.

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Players are invited to send in more press releases, to save the Gamesmaster the trouble of writing up his own. One of the advantages that postal Diplomacy has over other forms of the game is that players can go in for propaganda. All press releases sent in to GRAUSTARK will be printed in one of the next two issues after receipt.

PRESS RELEASES (1965A)

LONDON: The Prime Minister, the Earl of Thompson, announced that a commission has recommended that the Tsar be tried, in absentia, as a war criminal for his part in the assassination of King Edward. Documents captured with the 3rd Turkish Fleet will be used by the prosecution.

LONDON: The English Norwegian Sea Fleet is steaming at emergency full speed toward Kiel. The situation is regarded as grave.

MUNICH: The massive Russian steamroller claimed another victim. A great battle was fought in Flanders. The English soldier was cunning, he was brave, but when the fight was over the Russians held the field. Captured with all their equipment and munitions were the men of the 8th Army; 178,000 officers and men of all ranks were placed upon the prisoner of war trains and shipped to Siberia. For three days the long silent trains with their guards perched upon the cars rumbled through the German countryside. First the Austrians, next the Italians, then the seemingly endless hordes of Germans and now the Englishmen have made the long journey to Siberia.

NEW YORK (January 1911): (New York Times Ad Section) Any person, or persons, interested in acquiring unskilled, semi-skilled, and skilled labor at little cost to themselves please make inquiries at the Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C. Anglo-Saxons, Germans, Italians, Austrians, Hungarians, Serbo-Croatians and other miscellaneous ethnic groups are available for immediate shipment. You will find the labor cooperative and eager to please. They have all received excellent training at the world famous Imperial Obedience Schools located in sunny Siberia.

WASHINGTON (30 January 1911, AP): Congress and the State Department were thrown into turmoil by the Russian offer to sell prisoners of war. Hundreds of Russians, led by Georgi Chkheidze and Chaim Weizman, marched in a protest demonstration from the White House to the Russian Embassy, where they broke all the windows and forcibly crammed a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation down the throat of the second secretary. An exile named Lenin was with difficulty prevented from setting fire to the building.

The turmoil was only scarcely less decorous on the floor of Congress. Senators Adolph Sabath (Farmer-Labor Socialist Peace Party, Ill.), Meyer London (FLSP, N. Y.), and William DuBois (FLSP, Mass.) urged an immediate rupture of relations with the Russian Empire. However, Vice-President Debs later told the press that a compromise plan was being brought forward, whereby the United States government would buy these unfortunates, bring them to this country, and release them in underpopulated regions in the West.

NEW YORK (28 February 1911, AP): Prof. Homer Lea of the Department of Geopolitics at West Point today published a popular treatise on the current war in Europe, a book with the arresting title of The Lion and the Whale. At a literary tea hosted by his publisher, the Federal Publishing Trust, Prof. Lea explained the title.

"It demonstrates, gentlemen, the unique character of the present war. England holds the seas, and holds them permanently. Turkey can not conceivably force her way past Gibraltar, nor bring additional force to bear at that point. Nor has Russia the naval power to break the British hold on the Baltic and St. Petersburg. The Russo-Turkish alliance can, indeed sweep the remaining Anglo-German forces from the Low Countries and Germany, but what then? England - and I include the

French remnant among her forces - will still control eight supply centers. This will enable her to maintain sufficient fleets to hold Gibraltar and the Baltic. It is a stalemate, as was Aescop's battle between the lion and the whale. Cossack and Ottoman savagery may dominate Europe, but their rule stops at the water's edge."

Prof. Lea, who holds general's commissions from the Chinese Empire, the Orange Free State, and the Kingdom of Tonga, went on to discuss at great length his conviction that the anti-war policies of President Watson and the Farmer-Labor Socialist Peace Party administration would lead to the decline of the dominance of the Anglo-Saxon race. He particularly criticized the granting of the vote to women; which he claimed to indicate a degeneracy of America's old virility.

PRESS RELEASES (1965Q)

BERLIN (December 7, 1902): The German peoples have kept their faith with the enslaved Belgian nation. The last remnants of the fleeing Metropolitan Army have been chased across the Belgian border into France. As soon as the present crises permit all German forces will be withdrawn from Belgium.

BERLIN (December 8, 1902): The Franco-German conflict, until now, was only concerned with the attempt by France to annex the independent state of Belgium. But now the warlords of the Republic of France have invaded Germany. The consequences of this most irresponsible act of escalation must be born completely by the leaders and peoples of France. In response the German Government declares unconditional war on the Republic of France. No effort will be spared to completely destroy the dastardly conspirators responsible.

Of course Germany is always interested in avoiding needless bloodshed. Therefore the Republic of France is offered the following 4-Point Treaty that will bring to an end the present crisis.

Point #1. Men holding cabinet positions in the present Government of France, general officers of the Army of France, the General Staff, and men holding the rank of admiral in the French Navy will surrender themselves to authorized agents of the German High Court. These men will be held until tried and judged by the above courts and tribunals.

Point #2. All military and quasi-military units of France will surrender themselves and their arms to military units of either Belgium, Italy or Germany. After all units have complied with the above, all men responsible for atrocities against the peoples of Belgium, Italy, and/or Germany will be held for trial. Those remaining will be released to return to their homes.

Point #3. The following lands will be occupied by the military forces of Italy and Germany until a peace treaty is negotiated and signed: Gascony and those lands surrounding the ports of Marseilles, Toulon, and Narbonne will be occupied by the Italian Government. The Italian Government will also be responsible for overseeing the restitution of democratic government to Spain and Portugal. All other lands of France will be occupied by the forces of the German Empire.

Point #4. Thirty days after Points #1, #2, and #3 have been complied with, officials of the new French government will present themselves in Aachen. There negotiations will commence for ending the present crisis.

Such are the conditions, the only conditions, that are acceptable to the peoples and government of the German Empire. Should the present French Government refuse this sincere offer of peace the allied powers shall use force of arms to bring about France's acceptance of the Four Points.

1965NT

ARMIES MANEUVER FOR POSITION IN POLAND

After the "Fall 1904" fighting, the German army in Warsaw retreats to Galicia, and the Russian army in Berlin retreats to Prussia. "Winter 1904" establishments and removals are:

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LTA

ENGLAND: Builds A Lon, F Edi.

FRANCE: Removes F Wes.

ITALY: Removes A Rom, A Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA: Builds A Sev.

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MOSCOW: The celebrated Mystery Man from Mars, M. Valentine Smith (no relation to Conrad F. von Smith, the notorious Austrian lecher and playboy), has been the talk of Moscow recently, since his arrival from the Imperial Province of Mars, purported to be beyond Siberia.

TRYPHEME: Prime Minister Taxis told the press today that the resources of this tiny kingdom are being strained by the large number of French refugees. "Ever since the French Second Fleet was disbanded," the worried Prime Minister and Grand Eunuch told reporters, "hundreds of sailors have brought their ships to the shores of Trypheme rather than scuttle them. In most cases they overpowered their officers, though a few ship's companies were led by their officers. The Royal Guard has been ordered to triple the guard around the King's harem. It is my opinion that the effects of this invasion will be mitigated by the fact that this is winter, and the cool weather forces the women of Trypheme to abandon their usual national costume - absolute nudity."

It was rumored that 96% of the disbanded French sailors were applying for Tryphemian citizenship. This did not meet with overwhelming approval from the women of Trypheme. A certain Mlle. Thierette, who did not give her last name, claimed that the French "lack staying power".

1965L (continued from p. 1)

RUSSIA: Bud, Liv, Mos, Nor, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (11)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Smy. (6)

Germany, Russia, and Turkey may each build one new unit. England must remove one unit. Since Austria-Hungary retains no supply centers, both Austro-Hungarian units are removed from the board. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1966.

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The OPERATION AGITATION colophon on p. 1 refers not only to postal Diplomacy publications, but also to amateur journals of fact, comment, and opinion published by the publisher of GRAUSTARK. Subscriptions to KNOWABLE, a s-f and fantasy fanzine, are 5 issues for \$1.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JAMES SANDERS, 14 Edgewood Road, Skyline Lakes, Wanaque, N. J.: I have a suggestion for team games... this would be to have Germany as the unoccupied country and have the alliances divide up so that all members of the alliance are touching one another. That is, England, France and Russia or England, France and Italy would be one alliance and the remaining forces would be the other. Germany would still hold armies and be passable. Thus, especially with the first suggestion... you have at first a mad scramble for Germany, with Turkey and Russia fighting each other off and Italy and France doing likewise. If England was given Holland near the beginning, it could quickly convoy land forces over while its sea forces would eventually work around to battle with the Italian and Turkish forces, fighting with France. I think this is the sort of team game in which you see various advantages of strategy and position showing, much more than in a one-man game. The game would probably be fought mostly along one long frontier, with fierce sea battles around the area of Tunis and the Tyrrhenian Sea and with an utter no-man's-land in the territories of Galicia, Silesia, Bohemia, and Munich. Probably the key provinces would be Black Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, and Munich. I will take anyone on in across-the-board or two-man team game, if this could be conducted by mail and not through Graustark. I would also wish to bet that no game would be resolved before 1910. Game should be played until annihilation.

JOHN KONING, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509: The Youngstown University Diplomacy Club, oftentimes finding itself short a player or two, has played various variations on the standard 5- and 6-man game rules. One variation is the one suggested by McCallum: that is, to draw the 5 or 6 countries at random from the entire selection, then place standing armies in the supply centers of the remaining 1 or 2 powers. This leaves these countries to be exploited as "neutral nations", but makes such exploitation harder than with the ordinary neutrals. Another variation, a bit further out, has been to place a standing army in each province of the remaining 1 or 2 powers, which makes them very hard to invade. This is the variation we played for one of the games at Scarborough, when we were short a player. All of those Scarborough games (there were 3) will see publication in sTab. Also to be published soon are five-man games played under each variation, plus games played under Calhoun's new rules. We seem to be one of the only regularly meeting Diplomacy clubs with a publication at our disposal, so sTab provides an ideal forum.

((sTab, which incorporates Massif and Tranton, is published by members of the Youngstown University Diplomacy Club. Members of the Youngstown and Scarborough clubs have frequently got together for games, some of which are reported along with postal games in sTab. GRAUSTARK readers are recommended to subscribe also to sTab, which is 10 issues for \$1 from John Koning at the above address.)

PRESS RELEASE (1965L)

VENICE (PAP): Secret negotiations with the Lone Wolf of Europe to supply arms to the new Austrian Irridentist Army were rumored here.